

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks and above amendments, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the disclosure of the pending application was objected to as requiring correction of certain informalities in Figures 1-3; and Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,636,503 (Shiran).

In regard to the objection to the disclosure, submitted herewith is a SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS, which provides replacement drawing sheets for Figures 1, 2 and 3 that are believed to overcome the objection made in the Office Action. Figure 1 has been amended to include in its legend the words "Prior Art"; Figure 2 has been amended to provide reference numerals 21a, 21b, and 21n to the LAN connection board, and Figure 3 has been amended to darken the lines to the reference numbers, as requested by the Examiner. Also enclosed are mark-ups of replacement Figures 1 and 2, with all revisions circled in red ink.

In regard to the rejection of the pending claims, Claim 7 has been amended. This amendment does not present any new subject matter. Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 4 and 7 as independent claims.

The Examiner alleged that Shiran anticipates the pending claims. Shiran describes accessing software applications residing on a telecommunications switch. The system includes a communication server that acts as a gateway between the switch and remote clients. The

client-server architecture of the system permits concurrent connectivity and off-loads much of the processing demand from the switch to the server and/or clients.

Figures 1 and 2 of Shiran show a telecommunications switch 12 connected, via a local area network (LAN) 16, to a communication server 14. Contrary to Shiran, the present invention describes “a **connection board** located at the PBX with a unique IP (Internet Protocol) address and connected to an Internet” recited in Claim 1; “connecting a Local Area Network (LAN) **connection board** to the Internet” recited in Claim 4; and “connecting a Local Area Network (LAN) **connection board** in the PBX to the Internet” recited in amended Claim 7. The one-to-one LAN of Shiran cannot be compared to the inventive direct connection between the connection board located in the PBX and a wide area network, i.e. the Internet.

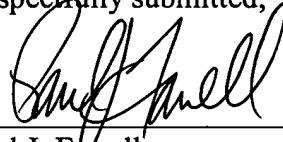
Further, Shiran describes a direct connection between the telecommunications switch 12 and the communication server 14, which teaches away from invention of the pending claims. Specifically, Claim 1 recites “a web server being coupled to a remote client, the web server connected to the PBX and the Internet, for managing a database of a user program for the PBX” and Claims 4 and 7 recite “connecting a Local Area Network (LAN) connection board to the Internet.” These recitations describe web server 24 being connected to the PBXs via the Internet, which is a one-to-many connection (enabled by the Internet) in contrast to the one-to-one connection of Shiran. As described at page 5, lines 1-3, of the specification of the pending application, the “web server 24 is so configured to manage all databases and control

connections associated with a client. The web server is connected through Internet 22, to the PBX systems 20a and 20b.”

Without conceding the patentability *per se* of the dependent claims, for at least the above reasons, Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant’s attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

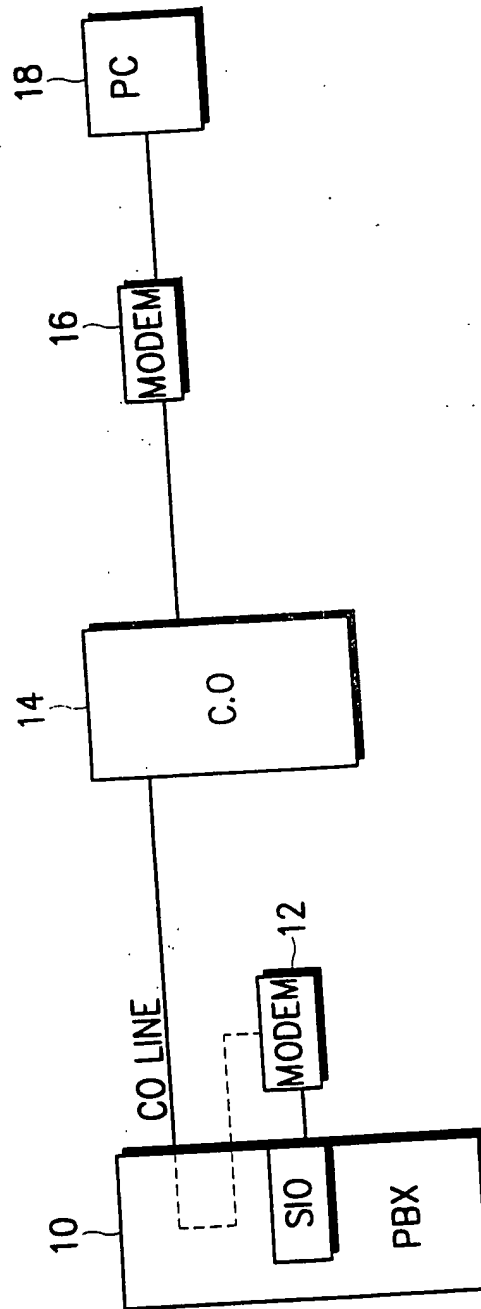


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Enclosures: Marked-up replacement Figures 1 and 2; and
 SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS

FIG. 1



(PRIOR ART)



FIG. 2

